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SUBJECT:ACLS TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND EXCHANGE WITH SOVIET
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

1. IN WAKE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES TURNDOWN OF ACLS' TWO MOST
RECENT NOMINEES FOR ACLS-ACADEMY SENIOR SCHOLAR EXCHANGE,
ACLS PRESIDENT LUMIANSKY PLANS CABLE ACADEMY VICE PRESIDENT
FEDOSEEV NOTIFYING HIM OF ACLS DECISION TO "TEMPORARILY SUS-
PEND" FURTHER PROCESSING UNDER THIS EXCHANGE PENDING
POLICY REVIEW. LUMIANSKY'S PROPOSED TELEGRAM COUCHED IN
CONCILIATORY TERMS AND EXPRESSES HOPE THAT DIFFICULTIES CAN
BE RESOLVED DURING HIS OCTOBER VISIT TO SOVIET UNION, IF NOT
BEFORE.

2. IREX EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KASSOF AT SAME TIME WILL CABLE
KULAKOV OF ACADEMY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPT, QUOTING LUMIAN-
SKY CABLE, AND EXPRESSING CONCERN AT PATTERN OF TURNDOWNS.
KASSOF WILL RECOUNT SOVIET TURNDOWN OF 24 US SENIOR SCHOLAR
NOMINEES SINCE BEGINNING OF EXCHANGE IN 1961 VERSUS 3 US

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TURNDOWNS OF SOVIET NOMINEES, AND EXPRESS UNWILLINGNESS
CONTINUE EXCHANGE UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS. KASSOF WILL ALSO
MAKE CLEAR THAT ACLS WILL ACCEPT THE THREE SOVIET CANDIDATES
WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN NOTIFIED OF ACCEPTANCE, BUT WILL NOT

ACCEPT FURTHER NOMINEES.

3. MOST RECENT TURNDOWNS BEGAN WHEN SOVIETS REFUSED VISA TO RICHARD WORTMAN OF UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. ACLS THEN HELD UP ACCEPTANCE OF S. ZAGLADINA IN RETURN. ACLS LATER ACCEPTED ZAGLADINA AFTER DIRECT PLEA BY IMEMO, BUT TURNED DOWN I. KRASNOV WHO HAD BEEN TO U.S. ON EXCHANGE TWO YEARS AGO AND HAD BEEN UNPOPULAR WITH HIS ACADEMIC HOSTS. SOVIETS THEN REFUSED ACCEPT ROBERT DANIELS OF UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT (ALSO A VERMONT STATE SENATOR) AND MRS. RUTH ROOSA OF BRIARCLIFF COLLEGE (WIFE OF FORMER UNDERSECRETARY OF TREASURY).

4. ACLS TELEGRAM WOULD SUSPEND PLACEMENT ACTION FOR SIX NEW SOVIET NOMINATIONS CURRENTLY IN HAND. THREE SOVIETS ALREADY ACCEPTED (MALININ, KALIADIN, AND IVANOV) WOULD BE ALLOWED TO COME.

5. ACLS IS COMING UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM US ACADEMIC COMMUNITY IN LIGHT OF SOVIET ACADEMY'S FAILURE TO IMPROVE ITS TURNDOWN RECORD. ACLS BELIEVES THIS IS APPROPRIATE TIME TO TAKE ACTION IN HOPES OF CLEARING AIR AND ESTABLISHING MORE POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR FUTURE EXCHANGES. DEPT CONCURS. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS STRONG OBJECTIONS, WE WILL NOT ATTEMPT DISSUADE ACLS FROM PLANNED ACTION. PLS ADVISE VIA IMMEDIATE. KISSINGER

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